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1. ON APRIL 9, OFFICIAL GOA ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY "ASH-SHA'B" PUBLISHED EDITORIAL CONCERNING RUMORS OF SECRET ALGERIAN/MOROCCAN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING SAHARAN CONFLICT. CONDENSATION FOLLOWS:

2. EDITORIAL ENTITLED: A DESPERATE ATTEMPT. "SOME ARAB PRESS SOURCES IN PARIS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THERE ARE SECRET CONTACTS GOING ON RIGHT NOW BETWEEN ALGERIA AND MOROCCO CONCERNING SETTLING SAHARAN CRISIS IN PEACEFUL MANNER. THESE SOURCES WENT FURTHER IN CLAIMING THAT CUBA AND ROMANIA CONTRIBUTED IN PREPARING THIS SECRET DIALOGUE. THIS DISTORTION OF FACTS IS UNDOUBTEDLY OF MOROCCAN STYLE BECAUSE AVOIDANCE OF ANY REFERENCE TO SAHRAOUI PEOPLE AS BASIC PARTY TO ANY SOLUTION OF THE SAHARAN CONFLICT IS THESIS USED BY RABAT REGIME IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. ALGERIA HAS ALWAYS WELCOMED PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO SAHARA PROBLEM, AND, AS REITERATED IN PRES-

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DENT BOUMEDIENE'S SPEECHES, BELIEVES THAT FORCE ALONE WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM. IT IS MOROCCO THAT FAILS TO RECOGNIZE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SAHRAOUI PEOPLE AND HAS IGNORED ATTEMPTS BY "GOOD OFFICES" TO ALGER THEIR POSITION. IN LIGHT OF THIS, SITUATION IS CLEAR IN ALL ITS DIMENSIONS: RIGHT FOR SAHRAOUI SELF-DETERMINATION AND INCLUSION IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS. ALGERIA IS NOT IN HABIT OF EXERCISING CONTROL OVER ANY PEOPLE OR LIBERATION GROUP AND THUS WOULD

BE PLEASED IF SHE WERE ASKED TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE AIMED AT MOVING SPECTRE OF WAY AWAY FROM THE REGION AND HELPING THE SAHRAOIS ACHIEVE DIGNITY AND FREEDOM. THIS IS BASIS FOR SOLUTION AND EVERY-THING ELSE, LIKE LEAKING SOME DOCTORED NEWS, IS SIMPLY DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO CREATE MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ALGERIA AND HER FRIENDS."

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